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STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

To date, applicant has not received an issue date and number notice although the Notice of Allowance issued on 12/05/2006 and the issue fees were paid on or about 12/19/2006. Accordingly, because the application is not yet scheduled to issue although the issue fee was paid more than three months ago, applicant hereby urgently requests that the Patent and Trademark Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the application.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully request. A duplicate copy of this Status Inquiry is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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